

I am writing to urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160. The National Association of Broadcasters should not determine what I can hear on my XM radio. I purchased XM radio for the wide range of music, news, and information that is provided. While I enjoy XM immensely, I still listen to several radio stations as well. The NAB should not fear a little competition by trying to suppress and curtail a different form of business.

Further, offering continuous traffic and weather is a valuable public service that broadcasters cannot provide. It can be extremely frustrating to find traffic and weather information on the broadcast stations and have to sift through commercials, programs, and music that I do not want to hear to get this information. But that is the business model that broadcasters force on me. If I want to pay for a service that gives me this information, the FCC and the NAB should not seek to stop me.

Finally, I do not understand why this issue should even fall under the jurisdiction of the FCC since the public airwaves and the broadcasting spectrum are not involved. I can receive continuous weather and traffic from the Internet and the FCC has not tried to stop that. Satellite radio is more akin to the Internet than it is to broadcasting.

Thank you, and I hope that you will support free enterprise and market innovation.

Regards,  
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